

## AN ACT RECONSTITUTING THE CONNECTICUT CAPITOL CENTER COMMISSION

## ---NEWS AND COMMUNITY STATEMENT---

(June 9, 2011)--- Hartford Mayor Pedro E. Segarra issued this statement today applauding the leadership of State Representatives Marie Kirkley-Bey and Matt Ritter on House Bill 5482, *An Act Reconstituting the Connecticut Capitol Center Commission*, which reconstitutes the Commission, adds the Mayor as a member, and makes the Mayor (or his designee) the chairperson. The bill also asks for the commission to revise the master plan for the Capitol Center District regarding land use, property acquisition, and business and residential relocation.

"This is a good bill and I strongly support it. It highlights critical quality of life issues and is a perfect complement to Hartford's "One City, One Plan" for conservation and development. It connects the ideals of "iQuilt" and the "Greening of America's Capitals" that embraces a master plan that is economically smarter, greener, and more efficient to better connect Hartford's assets and position us for future growth and progress. I congratulate Representative Ritter for his vision and commitment to this bill and applaud Deputy Speaker Representative Marie Kirkley-Bey on her strong support and co-sponsorship," said Mayor Segarra.

"This bill is more than a development plan for the area around and connecting to Bushnell Park. It gives the Commission the tools needed to put the spotlight on our tremendous cultural assets that will serve as a business and residential magnet for the city, region, and state. This is about jobs; this is about tourism; this is about growth; and I'm proud that Mayor Segarra will help lead the charge," said Representative Ritter.